

## SAD CASE OF METHUEN

Hardly Any Doubt of  
His Insanity.

### WAUCHOPE A MARTYR

General Wolseley Suggested That  
Methuen be Relieved Three  
Days After Belmont.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—(Special Correspondence.)—Gen. Methuen is to be relieved of the command of the Western column of the British army in South Africa within a fortnight. Later, he will be sent to Cape Town. Eventually he will be ordered home and retired.

This news is not published in London, but the facts are privately confirmed by an official of the War Office.

Gen. Methuen's case is a sad one. Always a man of rather frail physique, his constitution began to show signs of



GENERAL LORD METHUEN.

breaking down almost immediately after he assumed his present command. Three days after the battle of Belmont, Lord Wolseley suggested to the War Office that Gen. Methuen be relieved. His advice was not heeded. The wisdom of the aged but keen commander-in-chief of the British army is now realized to the fullest extent by the War Office officials, who then scoffed at his suggestion.

The friends of Methuen insist that he is only broken in health, and that the strain of many campaigns has shattered his naturally nervous system.

#### Methuen's Mind Derailed.

Those who know the circumstances equally well, and who are willing to state the facts plainly, say Gen. Methuen's mind is unbalanced. The War Office officials have had constant proof of this for two weeks past, for the commander of the Modder river forces has persisted the Government with some of the most remarkable messages.

One received a few days ago is a fair sample of the rest. It contained just these three words: "Darkness after dawn"—that's all. While the London press is considerably suppressing the true state of affairs so far as Gen. Methuen's ailment is concerned, they do not hesitate to print the mad facts of the battle of Magersfontein, just reaching London through the mails, all of which go to show that the attack was planned by a madman.

The death of Gen. Wauchope was one of the many sad results of the engagement. Gen. Wauchope, it is now known, realized the futility of the assault, as planned by Gen. Methuen, and argued against it. Methuen, however, persisted, and the two quarreled over the matter on the very night before the battle which proved so disastrous to the British forces.

A member of the Black Watch, which Gen. Wauchope commanded, in a letter just received, details the mad charge which led Wauchope to his death, and quotes the General's dying words—words showing how fully he realized the situation even in the hour of death. The letter reads:

#### Wauchope a Martyr.

"It was one of the darkest nights I ever saw. The rain fell in torrents. We were falling over the rocks in the anthesis, as we could not see where we were going.

"After we were taken by surprise, our right half battalion charged, but the men were mown down. Gen. Wauchope was shot at the beginning of the charge.

"When he saw the mistake that had happened, he said: 'Rally around me, Black Watch! It's not my fault!' and then fell, riddled with bullets."

Methuen also quarreled with other officers under him, three of whom, Col. Arthur Paget, Col. Gough and Capt. Campbell, he ordered home. These three arrived in London today.

When Col. Gough attempted to discuss the plan of the Magersfontein attack, Methuen ordered him under arrest.

It is stated by those acquainted with affairs at the War Office that Gen. Kitchener, who, with Lord Roberts, arrived at Cape Town today, will proceed immediately to Modder river. He

may not take command himself, but he will put the command in working order again, and arrange some new staff, probably Gen. Buller, to take Methuen's place.

#### Methuen's Sisters.

So far as it is known, there was no insanity in Methuen's family back of the present generation, but it is generally understood that all three of his sisters have been backward from their childhood.

Here are a few extracts from letters from men serving in the Modder river column and telling of the demoralization of the troops since the command's incapacitation:

Highland Brigade Man: There is not the slightest doubt that Gen. Methuen has lost the confidence of every man in the Highland Brigade. I am not going too far in saying that they are afraid to trust their lives to him.

Corp. Devan: When the enemy opened fire, Gen. Wauchope, our brave General, who was killed, turned to us and said: "Don't blame me, lads." We hear he remonstrated with Gen. Methuen before we left camp about the plans, but Methuen only told him to obey orders.

Sergt. Gray: Gen. Wauchope, no doubt, went to find death when such a disastrous fire opened, but he had previously shouted in the vicinity of the Argyll Highlanders: "Don't blame me for this. I received my orders, and had to obey them." With proper handling, we could have cleared the Boers out in two hours. As it was, we were taken into a butcher's shop and left there.

Dozens of other letters have been received, all of the same tone.

#### THE DIFFERENCE.

Contrast in Attitude of Chinese and Japanese Consuls.

The difference in national methods in times of trouble was strikingly illustrated on the day of the Chinatown fire. After the fire had got away from the firemen and the Chinese and Japanese inhabitants were pressing upon the limits of the quarantined district there were well grounded fears that a rush on the guards might result. The Japanese and Chinese Consuls were present, as was Mr. Mott-Smith, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The Japanese Consul worked like a beaver in conjunction with Mr. Mott-Smith to allay the excitement of his countrymen and explain to them the provisions going forward for their removal and future comfort. At times he even used personal force pushing the Japanese back into line, and it is the belief of members of the Government that his effort had much to do in preventing trouble. The Government felt that should a break be made the police force would be swept away in an instant. It seemed the Japanese Consul was present where ever trouble threatened either haranguing the Japs or using his personal influence to quiet their fears.

The attitude and actions of the Chinese Consul at this time were in strange contrast to those of his confrere. He did absolutely nothing to allay the fears of his countrymen and was seen at several times engaged in heated conversation with Minister Mott-Smith entering protest after protest at each step taken by the Government and the Board of Health and cavilling at their methods and policy as opposed to Chinese interests and desires. This while the flames were roaring around them and thousands driven from their homes were crowded in the hot streets awaiting removal to places of safety by the men the Chinese Consul was according. At one point an Advertiser reporter saw the Minister of Foreign Affairs become angry for an instant under the absurd importunities of the Chinese Consul, but it was quite evident that the three words of indignant rebuke uttered made no impression on the official from Canton.

#### AN EDITOR IN TROUBLE.

He Attacks a Lieutenant Governor With Unhappy Consequences.

VICTORIA (B. C.), Jan. 16.—In the legislature yesterday attention was directed to a publication in the Kamloops Standard referring to Lieutenant Governor McInnes as a "thing in gold lace," a "gold laced and be-whiskered monstrosity," and an "o-o-ee and shing-ing it." The publisher will be required to appear before the bar of the house for contempt to a representative of the crown.

#### FEAR AND DEATH.

(An Arab Legend.)

The spirit of the Plague entered the gate.  
One watching asked, "How many wilt thou slay?"  
"A thousand," spake the spirit, "is my quest."  
The Plague made end. The spirit left the gate.  
The watchers cried, "Ten thousand didst thou slay."  
"Nay, one," the spirit said; "Fear killed the rest."

#### HAVING A GREAT RUN ON CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.

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## LOSSES BY FIRE

A Present Estimate is  
Impossible.

Wholesale Houses Lose Heavily  
of Their Chinatown  
Trade.

For the purpose of obtaining information in regard to the effect of last Saturday's fire upon trade, a representative of the Advertiser visited upon several of the principal distributing houses yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Suhr of H. Hackfeld & Co. said that the fire had simply killed the Chinese trade, and restricted the general local business to very narrow limits. With regard to the Chinatown trade, freight is piled up at the docks and in warehouses upon which neither freight charges nor duty have been paid. The consignees are, in the majority of instances, in the various detention and relief camps about the city. Their stores are all gone and in many instances they are impoverished through the conflagration.

It is impossible to estimate the loss as yet, and perhaps months will elapse before any reliable table can be prepared. We are at work now upon a schedule of firms with whom we are interested. It is of course unreasonable to expect a full settlement, and we will have to discount our account considerably.

As regards insurance, we are not yet prepared to go into figures, but it is most certain that the question of liability in this regard will form the basis of considerable litigation in the near future.

Mr. W. H. Baird of Theo. H. Davies & Co. said that it was impossible to give even approximate figures of the loss in Saturday's fire. Business is practically dead so far as the Chinese trade is concerned, and in general trade is but a fraction compared with normal conditions. Collections generally are very poor, and no improvement may be looked for until the present trouble is over.

So far as insurance is concerned, I believe the bulk of risk is carried by a few companies, as the majority of insurance people do not care to assume much liability over the class of buildings met with in Chinatown. I am of the opinion that the amount insured will be found ridiculously small when compared with the actual loss, and therefore the owners' loss will be considerable. The present unsatisfactory condition of trade will assuredly be overcome as soon as the plague trouble is passed.

Mr. Hugh McIntyre of H. E. McIntyre & Co. said there was no doubt the fire would cause heavy losses among the wholesale houses that had been doing a large credit trade in Chinatown. These houses were wealthy and long established and could stand it; but in other quarters bankruptcies were almost certain to follow. A good many, he thought, would be among the small Chinese merchants, while others would be brought about by the further depression of sugar stocks, among those who had bought assessable shares.

Mr. McIntyre also stated that he believed the craze for oil stocks lately developed on the Coast by newly discovered oil wells in Southern California, and the heavy buying thereof by Honolulu people would have a tendency to force further down the price of the local sugar stocks now on the market. He did not, however, anticipate that the plague, fire or oil craze would have any effect on the stocks of paying plantations or upon the value of sugar properties already established.

Mr. P. C. Jones of the Bank of Hawaii and C. Brewer & Co. said that while he was not thoroughly posted as to the amount of credit given to the merchants of Chinatown before the fire, yet it was very probable the wholesale houses in that trade would be crippled to some extent. He was not prepared to say whether or not they would have valid claims against the Government and had not as yet definitely learned what position the insurance men would take, but he understood that at a meeting of the underwriters, held the day before yesterday, it had been decided to receive and hold all claims of policy-holders in abeyance for the present.

In regard to insurance, Mr. Jones said he was informed that for years large amounts had been carried in Chinatown on high rates, and he cited an instance where a premium of 6 per cent had been charged, which amounted to \$150, on a policy of \$2,000. Now, he thought, that as the insurance companies had been charging abnormally high rates for years for Chinatown risks, it would be the right thing for the companies to pay legitimate policy-holders in full for their losses in the late fire. If these claims were promptly met by the insurance people it would greatly relieve the situation; especially among the small merchants, who will otherwise be called upon to shoulder the immediate burden of loss.

Of course, concluded Mr. Jones, there will ultimately be the question of claims against the Government, and if the insurance men can hold the claims of policy-holders against them in abeyance until these are adjusted, it will give them a better chance at a compromise, even if they are not entirely relieved from responsibility. But in the meantime many of the less wealthy policy-holders will suffer. Do not misunderstand me; from my point of view the Government is responsible for damages in all cases where property has been burnt by the order of the Board of Health. On the other hand, my opinion is that the insurance companies are legally responsible for all the losses caused by the accident of the fire getting beyond the control of the Fire Department.

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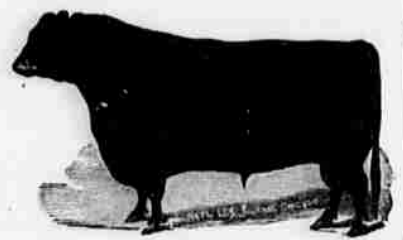


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